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On April 4, 1969, Warren K. Weston, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, the Plains Vice President of the NMRA, became the twenty-sixth NMRA member to earn the distinction — Master Model Railroader. Warren's seven Achievement Certificates are: Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineer, Official, Volunteer, and Author. He is the first member of the Mid-Continent Region to become an MMR.

Warren's model railroad, located in the basement of his home, began as a narrow gauge pike (HO) with standard gauge trackage for size comparison; recently emphasis has been on standard gauge construction and operation. The model railroad occupies a space 5½ by 18 feet with both open grid and L-girder benchwork. Code 100 rail has been used on the standard gauge portion; code 70 on the narrow and dual gauge trackage. A gradual program of replacement of older brass rail with nickel silver is underway. The scenery depicts a mountainous area with track running up old gullies and circumventing river washouts; screen and plaster scenery construction was used. Shadows have been painted under rock ledges and overhangs to add additional depth. Mirrors have been used in the corners to give a more 'open' appearance. The lighting provides for day, evening, and night scenes.

Warren's structures have been winning Regional model contest prizes since 1954. He has served the MidContinent Region as Secretary-Treasurer and as a Vice President; he has also been editor of the MCoR publication, the CABOOSE KIBITZER. Warren has been a NMRA member since 1951 and is presently a Life Member.